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FM AMCONSUL KARACHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8428

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AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC (WOOLDRIDGE) EAIR

SUBJECT: MISSING AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 216281

1. WILLIAM WOOLDRIDGE AND DR. HARRISON SHOULDERS ARRIVED KARACHI OCTOBER 14 FROM ISLAMABAD. THEY CONSULTED WITH DCA AUTHORITIES AND WERE SATISFIED THAT REVIEW OF TAPE RECORDINGS OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS AROUND TIME OF DISAPPEARANCE OF AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN ADEQUATE. (DIRECTOR OF AERODROMES HERE, WHO IS TOP RANKING DCA OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN CASE, HAS INFORMED US HE HAS PERSONALLY REVIEWED TAPES).

2. WILLIAM WOOLDRIDGE LEFT KARACHI OCTOBER 15 FOR RETURN TO US, BUT DR. SHOULDERS REMAINING IN KARACHI FOR FEW MORE DAYS TO ATTEMPT FINAL AIR SEARCH USING CHARTERED AIRCRAFT FROM KARACHI FLYING CLUB.

3. SHOULDERS TELLS US HE HAS HAD INFORMATIVE CONVERSATION WITH ADAMS, THE TWA TECHNICIAN WHO NOW REPAIRING DISABLED ODRP U-8 AIRCRAFT AT KARACHI. ADAMS, WHO VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE  
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CONCERNING BEEHCRAFT MODEL FLOWN BY WOOLDRIDGE, HAS INFORMED

SHOULDERS THAT HORN OR OTHER ALARM WOULD HAVE SOUNDED WITHIN  
20 MINUTES AFTER WOOLDRIDGE MIGHT HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP AND LEFT  
CONTROLS UNATTENDED. PRESENCE OF SUCH ALARM SYSTEM WOULD  
APPEAR TO DEMOLISH HYPOTHESIS THAT AIRCRAFT COULD HAVE FLOWN  
ON FOR 6 HOURS WITH SLEEPING PILOT AT CONTROLS UNTIL PLANE CRASHED  
IN MOUNTAINS OF NORTHERN PAKISTAN OR IN AFGHANISTAN. SHOULDERS,  
ON BASIS OF NEW INFORMATION, WILL MAKE MORE INTENSE SEARCH IN  
AREA BETWEEN NAWABSHAH AND RAHIMYAR KHAN.  
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